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In re Application of
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COMMUNICATION

This communication is to inform applicants that the PCT number listed on the transmittal letter filed with the national stage papers of the above-captioned application on 21 October 2005 identifies the wrong international application number.

The transmittal letter indicates that the underlying PCT number for the subject national stage application is PCT/EP2004/003450. As such, the subject application was processed by the USPTO as the national stage of PCT/EP2004/003450.

A review of international records indicate that the international application number corresponding to the title and listed applicants is PCT/EP2004/004350, not PCT/EP2004/003450.

Applicants must file a petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182 identifying the correct international application number. Applicants must also explain how the papers filed on 21 October 2005 show that the above-captioned application is the national stage of such International application. A \$400.00 petition fee must accompany this petition.

Applicants have **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this communication to respond. Failure to respond will result in the **ABANDONMENT** of the above-identified application. Extensions of time are available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136.

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